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(SBU) Colin Barr of the Emergency Response Division at the Australian Maritime Safety Authority told econoff September 10 that the GOA "was sympathetic" to further amendment of the IMSO Convention. However, the GOA does not plan to send anybody to the IMSO Assembly in Valletta.

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